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For: IMPROVED METHOD FOR AVOIDING THE DEGRADATION  
OF AN ACTIVE PRINCIPLE

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136

Honorable Director of Patent and Trademark Services  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Petition is herein made under the provisions of 37  
CFR 1.136 for an extension of time for one month for response  
to the Office action of March 27, 2002.

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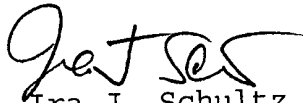
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